

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

Council of the Faculty of Arts and Science

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday, April 8, 1994

- Present:** G. Valaskakis; M. Yates; B. Harris; P. Bird; S. Carter; F. Stevens; C. Foster; B. Litner; S. Ruby; M. Brian; R. Pallen; D. Brown; D. Salée; B. Sahni; M. Catry-Verron; W. Sellers; J. Anderson; K.K. Mukherji; J. Fiset; E. Raudsepp; M. Malik; A. Teffeteller; C. Gray; R. Sharma; M. Danis; A. Schwartzman; M. Ainley; D. Howes; C. Potworowski; M. Saunders; J. Snyder; M. Boyer; P. Dalton; G. Grenier; B. Leonhardt; K. McMurray; G. Pyburn.
- Regrets:** C.W. White; T. Bui; D. Markiewicz; A. Ahmad; B. Lewis; R. Schmid; D. Sheps; H. Shulman; J.-F. Plamondon; K. Blackburn; M. Giles; M.-H. Langevin; M. Soso; C. Terry.
- Absent:** J. Appleby; I. Smith; N. Gagnon; A. Galler; P. Allen; M. Despland; R. Mackay; J. Wilkinson; M. Asfour; H.O. Cohen; A. Gauthier; L. Nicholson.
- Guests:** A.M. Laurin; J. Shin; D. Cheeke.

Documents considered and distributed at this meeting:

- ASFC 94-3M-A Elections/Ratification - Arts and Science Faculty Council Committees
- ASFC 94-3M-B Undergraduate Curriculum Proposals - Report #79U - Part 2
- ASFC 94-3M-C Profiles of Three Senior Administrators
- ASFC 94-3M-D Draft Protocol for International Academic Cooperation at Concordia
- ASFC 94-3M-D(i) List of linkages for Faculty of Arts and Science
- ASFC 94-3M-E Renaming Annual SCPA Prize to be called the Vince Sirois Prize

1. Call to Order

Dean Valaskakis called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Dean Valaskakis asked that Number 10 (Draft Protocol for International Academic Cooperation at Concordia, ASFC 94-3M-D) be removed until Dr. Mabley is able to be present.

94-3M-1 It was moved and seconded (McMurray/Pyburn) that the Agenda be approved as amended.
Carried.

3. Approval of the Minutes of March 18, 1994

94-3M-2 It was moved and seconded (Carter/Litner) that the minutes of the meeting of Arts and Science Faculty Council held March 18, 1994, be approved as circulated.
Carried.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Dean Valaskakis wished all members a productive exam period.

5. Questions and Announcements

Dr. Gray asked when the results of the two inquiry committees would be made public.

Dean Valaskakis responded that she had not heard officially but, unofficially, word was that both committees would be reporting before summer.

Professor Brown asked if the results of the recent student referendum on the athletic complex were known.

Mr. Dalton responded that votes were still being counted, however, quorum had not been reached. He had heard, unofficially, that the result would be negative.

Dr. Carter observed that the number of students required for quorum was 7500 students compared to the 2500 students who usually vote in student elections.

Dean Valaskakis asked Mr. Dalton to report on the election at the next meeting of Council.

Dr. Carter announced that telephone registration was underway and that 1100 telephone calls had been received from students within the first morning.

Dr. Sahni announced that the Department of Economics was expecting 50 students from Sweden again this summer.

Dean Valaskakis announced that NSERC and SSHRC had announced the awards for the upcoming year and the Faculty of Arts and Science had a great deal to be proud of regarding grants awarded to faculty members.

Dr. Gray asked if the GPA Task Force Report had been responded to by other Faculty Councils.

Dr. Stevens reported that APC had received a report from Arts and Science but not from other faculties. APC had not yet discussed the document.

6. Reports from Other University Bodies

Board of Governors:	No report.
Senate:	No report.
Other Councils:	No reports.

7. Elections/Ratification - Arts and Science Faculty Council Committees

Arts and Science Faculty Computer Resources Committee
 Pierre Melançon (Ecotoxicology), graduate student member
Ratified.

8. Undergraduate Curriculum Proposals - Report #79U - Part 2

Dr. Valaskakis asked for speaking privileges for Dr. Cheeke and Dr. Shin from the Department of Physics; there were no objections.

94-3M-3 It was moved and seconded (Stevens/Sellers) that Arts and Science Faculty Council approved the undergraduate curriculum proposals in Report #79U - Part 2.
Carried.

9. Profiles of three Senior Administrators

94-3M-5 It was moved and seconded (Pallen/Gray) that Arts and Science Faculty Council discuss the profiles of the three senior administrators, Rector, Dean of Engineering and Computer Science and Dean of Commerce and Administration, and that suggestions for modifying these profiles be abstracted from the record of the discussion by the Secretary of Council and forwarded to the Secretary-General.

Rector and Vice-Chancellor

- The mandate was completely managerial.
- The Rector should have an academic vision for the University.
- The multi-cultural nature of our constituency should be mentioned.
- There was no mention of full-time faculty though part-time faculty were mentioned.

Section A - General Accountability

- Number 4 should include nationally and internationally.

Section B - Specific Accountabilities:

- Number 10 should be moved to Number 1.
- Number 1 should be omitted.
- Numbers 2 and 3 should be omitted or changed to reflect more closely the reality facing the university.
- Number 6 is no longer accurate. The Rector should be involved with the Capital Campaign but the fundraising campaign at Concordia is no longer "ailing".
- Number 7; the word improve should be changed to strengthen.
- Number 5; it was our understanding that Concordia is no longer underfinanced so this should be deleted or rewritten to reflect the true situation.

General Comments:

- This profile is ten years out of date.
- One of the important things which the Rector should be responsible for is to improve interaction between the communities; namely the students, faculty and administration.
- The Rector should have to strengthen or foster unity within the university.
- One of the specific accountabilities of the Rector should be to foster a more open and accessible administration.
- A commitment to the development and support of research, especially in attracting students to Concordia's programmes should be included.

Dean of Commerce and Administration

- The university's mission was missing.
- The faculty's mission was missing.
- The language should be revised into a more positive framework; the profile seemed too negative.
- It should emphasize the positive challenges of the faculty which the Dean will face.

- It should focus on problem-solving abilities.
- Commitment to Students should be moved to the top of the profile.
- The last paragraph regarding a two-campus schism should be omitted.
- The students want included in a new profile the continued interaction with the external business community. There should be a firmer guarantee to ensure a functional linkage between the Faculty and the local, national and international business communities.
- A commitment to the development and support of research, especially in attracting students to the programmes should be included.
- There should be a balance between research and teaching - research should not be emphasized to the neglect of teaching.
- In the Section "Academic Leadership", the last statement should be removed. If there is still a schism, the phrase should be reworded in a positive manner, ie. as something to be achieved.
- The profile for a Dean should have specific responsibilities as does the profile for the Rector.

Dean of Engineering and Computer Science

- This profile was pretty solid.
- This should be used as the model for rewriting the profile of the Dean of Commerce and Administration.
- A commitment to the development and support of research, especially in attracting students to the programmes should be included.
- Commitment to Students should be moved to the top of the profile.
- The profile for a Dean should have specific responsibilities as does the profile for the Rector.
- The Dean should be concerned with areas outside his/her faculty, ie. to encourage interfaculty developments or activities.

94-3M-5

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11. Renaming the Annual SCPA Prize

94-3M-4 It was moved and seconded (Salée/Ainley) that the annual SCPA convocation prize be renamed the Vince Sirois Prize in memory of the commitment of Vince Sirois to the School, its programme and its students.
Carried.

12. Other Business There was no other business.

13. Notice of Motion There were no notices of motion.

14. Next Meeting

Dean Valaskakis reminded Council that the next meeting would be held on Friday May 6, 1994 at 2:00 p.m. in the Russell Breen Senate Chambers.

15. Adjournment

94-3M-6 It was moved and seconded (Boyer/Leonhardt) that the meeting be adjourned at 2:55 p.m.